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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/8/06; 11/02/07
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following matters: The embodiments shown in figures 4-9b do not fall within the scope of the claims, as the styling roller therein does not comprise a main housing; however, this inconsistency between the claims and the description, therefore the claims are unclear.

Also, the statements in the disclosure on page 23, lines 7-19 imply that the subject matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity when used to interpret them.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 11, 12 recite the limitation "said plastic main housing". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Savone (USP 6,627,852, IDS cited reference) in view of Cox (USP 1,014,952 IDS cited reference).

With regard to claims 1, 2, 8, Savone discloses a hair styling device (figs. 4, 7) comprising a pair of pivotally connected handles (430, 480) and a pair of detachable styling members (410, 460, see fig. 7) which are connected to the un-pivoted ends of the handles (see fig. 4), each of the styling members having a styling roller (410, 460 members can rotated therefore it is called as rollers), built in heating means (512) and an electrical adaptor, wherein the electrical adaptor having electrical connector (col. 7, lines 51-57), the adaptor and the rollers having co-operative rotary electrical interfacing means (col. 7, lines 37-57) so that operating power for the heating means of the styling members can be supplied from the electrical adaptor to the styling members via the rotary electrical interfacing means, wherein the rollers being rotatable relative to the handles (see fig. 4); the rollers further having styling surfaces (figs. 8, 9) which are rotated relative to each other for continuous hair styling. Savone fails to show each styling member having a main housing on which the styling roller is rotatably supported. Cox discloses a hair styling device (fig. 8) comprising a pair of styling rollers (9) having a main housing (1, 2). It would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the

art at the time the invention was made to modify the main housing as taught by Cox into the hair styling device of Savone in order to protect the rollers. In regard to claims 3-7, 9-12, Savone in view of Cox fails to show each styling roller having a salient styling surface, the electrical adaptor having a bayonet-type connector with a pair axially extending rigid electrodes, wherein the adaptor having a rotary type connector comprises a bush-and-bracket arrangement, however, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to construct each styling roller having a salient styling surface, the electrical adaptor having a bayonet-type connector with a pair axially extending rigid electrodes, wherein the adaptor having a rotary type connector comprises a bush-and-bracket arrangement, since such modifications are well known in the art.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jones is cited to show the state of the art with respect to a hair styling device with rollers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robyn Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4711. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cris Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-4964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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